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SUBJECT: DR. TAKASHI MUKAIBO, PRESIDENT-ELECT, TOKYO UNIVERSITY

1. DR. TAKASHI MUKAIBO, PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, WAS ELECTED 21ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY JANUARY 29. HIS TENURE OF OFFICE RUNS FOUR YEARS BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1977.
2. HE IS SECOND SCIENTIST AFTER DR. SEIJI KAYA (PHYSICIST AND PRESIDENT OF JSPS) WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THIS MOST PRESTIGIOUS POST IN JAPANESE ACADEMIA IN POST-WAR ERA.
3. BORN IN MANCHURIA IN 1917, MUKAIBO GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO IN 1929, HIS MAJOR BEING APPLIED CHEMISTRY. SINCE 1933 HE HAS BEEN WITH SAME UNIVERSITY, WORKING HIS WAY UP FROM INSTRUCTOR, TO ASSISTANT PROF, AND TO FULL PROF IN 1959. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, SERVING AS JAPAN'S FIRST SCIENCE ATTACHE 1954-58. FROM 1968 TO 1969, HE WAS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND FROM 1969 TO 1973 SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT. DR. MUKAIDO UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM AS COMMITTEE MEMBER SINCE 1965. AT PRESENT, HE IS PART-TIME MEMBER OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

4. DR. MUKAIBO FACES A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WHEN STEPPING INTO THE SHOES OF HIS PREDECESSOR (DR. KENTARO HAYASHI, A HISTORIAN), INCLUDING PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENTS TO FORMER SITE OF U.S.ARMY AT TACHIKAWA, RAISING A 10 BILLION YEN FUND TO CARRY OUT CENTENNIAL PROJECTS, AND IMPLEMENTING A PLAN TO REORGANIZE GRADUATE SCHOOL INTO ONE ENCOMPASSING ALL FACULTIES.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SEND A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM OR LETTER TO PROF TAKASHI MUKAIBO, WHOSE ADDRESS IS DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, 7-3-1, HONGO, BUNKYO-KU, TOKYO 113.
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